



Washington State Department of

Early Learning

ECEAP Reminders and Links

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Due Dates

- Billing for September services October 15
- September EMS Monthly Report October 15
- Enter all Child Enrollment Forms (CEF) into the EMS. October 15
- Insurance certificate Upon renewal
- Fully enroll all classes By 30 days after classes start
- [Register for DECA training](#). One week before each training

ECEAP Announcements

DEL ECEAP Directors Meeting – October 2, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Yakima Arboretum

We look forward to meeting with at least one representative from each ECEAP Contractor at the DEL Fall ECEAP Directors Meeting. Topics include:

- Meet new DEL staff and ECEAP directors
- ECEAP data and outcomes 2008-09
- DEL monitoring plans for 2009-10
- ECEAP data collection for 2009-10
- Topics of your choice/Sharing new initiatives
- DEL ECEAP announcements
- Steering Committee updates
- State Early Learning Plan and December 1 Proposals to Governor
- Smoking Cessation project update
- Balancing roles of monitoring and supporting

More details and the registration form are at:

www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/FallMtgRegistrationForm.doc

Family Income

Many ECEAP families have experienced substantial drops in income since last year or since enrollment for this year. When you are aware of these changes, DEL encourages you to update the income amount on the Child Enrollment Form (CEF). This will allow us to document the impact of the recession on ECEAP.

150,000th ECEAP Child!

In September 2009, the Washington State Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program enrolled its 150,000th child. Consider celebrating this milestone by highlighting ECEAP in your community newspapers and on reader boards. Here is some suggested language to get you started:

ECEAP provides preschool education, family support, and health and nutrition services to low-income three- and four-year-old children and their families. ECEAP promotes school success by building children's skills in language, reading and writing, math and science, getting along with others and participating in a group.

Since 1986, ECEAP has coordinated services that children may not otherwise have received, for example:

- 60,000 children received dental screenings and follow-up treatment, if necessary.
- 30,000 children got up to date with their well-child exams.
- More than 50,000 children improved their English language skills before kindergarten.
- More than 6,000 children with serious behavioral concerns at the beginning of the year had age-appropriate behavior upon entering kindergarten.

On average, young children from low-income families are exposed to a smaller vocabulary and spend much less time in one-on-one picture book reading than their middle class peers. In ECEAP, children are surrounded by rich vocabulary and conversations, books and reading times. They learn to listen to and interact with books, come to understand that spoken words can be written and read, begin to make letter-sound connections, and begin writing letters and words. This valuable experience contributes to their ability to learn to read in early elementary.

Read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* on October 8! Jumpstart's Read for the Record is an international campaign to bring preschool children together with valued grownups in their lives to read the same book, on the same day, in communities all over the world. On October 8, 2009, join Jumpstart as they read Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry*

Caterpillar. Celebrate the joy of reading all over the globe! For more information go to readfortherecord.org.

Health

Immunization Guidelines

The Washington State Department of Health is proposing a technical change to immunization guidelines for schools and child care centers. The proposed change would update the reference to the national recommended immunization schedule from the 2008 to the 2009 version. This is the only change proposed. This would not affect the implementation, enforcement or fiscal impact to schools and child care centers in satisfying the immunization requirements in WAC 246-105-040. To view the proposed change and submit a public comment, visit fortress.wa.gov/doh/policyreview/.

Joint Flu Letter

DEL Director Dr. Bette Hyde and Washington State Department of Health Secretary Mary Selecky address Washington families with children in child care, preschool or other early learning settings with guidelines about the H1N1 flu in a letter at www.del.wa.gov/publications/development/docs/fluletter.pdf.

Training Opportunities

DECA for Preschoolers Training

This fall, DEL is offering the two-day Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Basic Implementation training in four locations. This training is designed for staff who use the DECA. DEL is covering training and travel costs for current ECEAP staff. Non-ECEAP staff, such as Head Start staff, may register and will be accepted one week before the training if space is available. For each location, participants must attend both days.

- October 8-9, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Spokane
- November 5-6, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Everett
- November 12-13, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Olympia
- November 19-20, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wenatchee

Registration is due at least one week before each training. You will receive a confirmation email. Learn more and register at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/Fall2009_DECARegistration.doc.

Eastern Washington Family and Community Partnership Cluster

On October 14, in Pullman, the State Based Head Start T/TA Office of Washington is providing this opportunity to share and discuss:

- Writing meaningful family goals
- Parent Involvement

- Family Outcomes
- Working with families in crisis

For more information contact Anderson_pira_megan@bah.com.

WAEYC Conference, October 15-17, Bellevue, WA. For more information go to www.waeyc.org/Conference.htm.

Division for Early Childhood (DEC) Annual Conference, October 15-18, Albuquerque, NM. www.dec-sped.org/index.aspx/Conference

National Black Child Development Institute Annual Conference, October 24-27 Atlanta, GA. www.nbcdi.org/conference/default.asp

WSA Fall Meeting, October 28-30, Spokane. www.wsaheadstarteceap.com.

National Family Support Networking Planning Forum, October 30, Atlanta, GA. For more information go to familysupportforum.eventbrite.com. Sign up to be part of the ongoing National Family Support Networking Planning Forum group, by emailing your contact information to: jvizuete@midwestlearningcenter.org.

Building THEIR Bounce, Building YOUR Bounce: Effective Strategies for Promoting the Social-Emotional Health and Resilience of Children and the Adults Who Care for Them, October 30 and 31, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pasco. This two-day training is hosted by Benton-Franklin Early Learning Alliance at the Educational Service District 123 in Pasco. Call Suzanne Suyama at (509) 545-6145 to register.

2nd Annual WSA Policy Council Leadership Conference, November 17-18, Chelan. Policy Council leaders and Head Start/ECEAP staff can learn about:

- Head Start/ECEAP governance
- Policy Council roles and responsibilities
- How to plan a successful meeting
- Effective communications
- Advocacy
- How to engage other parents
- How Policy Council relates to the board, the program and the staff

For more information and to register, see www.wsaheadstarteceap.com.

Resource Links

Improving School Lunches

The Federal Department of Agriculture is welcoming ideas from community groups and more money than ever is about to flow into school cafeterias, from Washington and from private providers. www.nytimes.com/2009/08/19/dining/19school.html?_r=2&hpw.

Preschool Depression A five-year study followed more than 1,700 children and found that depression in preschoolers is primarily predicted by two factors.

www.scientificamerican.com/podcast/episode.cfm?id=predictors-of-preschool-depression-09-08-31

Learning for Life News Segments KING TV and Thrive by Five Washington have produced short news segments on early learning topics, called *Learning for Life*. These segments are directed to parents, grandparents and those who work with young children and the general public. These may be useful for a parent or staff meeting. The segments are archived at

www.thrivebyfivewa.org/en/HowThriveHelps/Learning%20for%20Life.aspx

Playtime in Kindergarten

Authors of a 2009 report, "Crisis in Kindergarten" call for the return of play-based teaching, warning the nation is "blindly pursuing educational policies that could well damage the intellectual, social and physical development of an entire generation."

www.sltrib.com/features/ci_13179052

Kindergarten Testing A new emphasis on testing and test preparation -- brought on by politicians, not early education experts -- is hurting the youngest students.

www.boston.com/news/education/higher/articles/2009/08/30/pressure_cooker_kindergarten/

Grant Opportunity The Council for Children & Families (CCF) has released directions and template for their capacity building grants. www.ccf.wa.gov/funded-programs/capacity-building-program-funding.

*The child must know that he is a miracle, that since the beginning of the world
there hasn't been, and until the end of the world there will not be,
another child like him. Pablo Casals*